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REVISED CRITERIA FOR CSS OFFICERS EMPANELMENT
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any revised criteria for empanelment of CSS officers at the level of Joint Secretary has been introduced;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the CSS officers belonging to the SCs/STs with deemed years of entry into Group `B` as on 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1985, have been empanelled;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a) to (e): In February 2007, the Government has approved that eligibility for empanelment of officers of Central Secretariat Service (CSS) in terms of length of service from the deemed year of their entry into Group 'B' Service of the CSS will be as under:

Level	SC/ST (pre-78)	General (Post-77)	General
Joint Secretary	22 Years	24 Years	26 Years

Further the CSS officers, for being considered, for empanelment as Joint Secretary, must fulfill other requirements viz.

(i) completion of 8 years of service in the Selection Grade and should have been assessed suitable for the post of Director for a minimum continuous period of three years;

(ii) having three years residual service;

(iii) availability of requisite ACRs in the CR dossier etc.

As far as the CSS officers, belonging to the SCs/STs with deemed years of entry into Group 'B' in 1982, 1983, 1984 & 1985, are concerned, their empanelment as Joint Secretary has not yet been taken up, mainly because a large number of CSS officers from earlier batches, empanelled as Joint Secretary, are yet to be appointed as Joint Secretary. These batches of SC/ST officers will be taken up for empanelment, batch-wise, in order to avoid the situation where a large number of CSS officers, though empanelled as Joint Secretary, remain without an appointment.

The empanelment of CSS officers, at the level of Joint Secretary is done as per the criteria mentioned above.